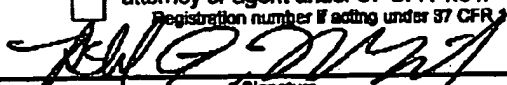


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<b>Application Number 09/863,120</b>		<b>Filed May 22, 2001</b>	
<b>For IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM</b>			
<b>Art Unit 2621</b>		<b>Examiner Tom Y. Lu</b>	
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2. **Miscellaneous**

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)
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